



Zerkle to lead LANL's Information Technology organization

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Veteran employee has tackled some of the Laboratory's toughest assignments

LOS ALAMOS, New Mexico, March 14, 2011—Director Mike Anastasio today announced that veteran Los Alamos National Laboratory employee Carolyn E. Zerkle has been selected as Associate Director for Information Technology. In her new role, Zerkle will be responsible for leading day-to-day operations of institutional information technology and the implementation of the LANL Chief Information Office's institution-wide IT roadmap, which includes creation and maintenance of state-of-the-art wireless computing and communications systems while ensuring that the Laboratory's information security and productivity remain best in class."After reviewing and interviewing an extremely talented suite of internal and external candidates, I am pleased to announce that Carolyn E. Zerkle will take the helm of our recently created

Information Technology organization," said Director Mike Anastasio. "The Laboratory has counted on Carolyn to accomplish some of the Laboratory's most daunting tasks, including playing a key role in recovery from the catastrophic Cerro Grande Fire, implementing the Laboratory's Readiness in Technical Base and Facilities (RTBF) program and Ten Year Comprehensive Site Plan, strengthening the Laboratory's business practices, enhancing our nuclear- and high-hazard operations, ensuring excellence in Laboratory security compliance, implementing success and transparency in the Laboratory's Stimulus Project Office and, most recently, moving the Laboratory's IT strategy forward during the past nine months as acting associate director of the newly formed organization." Zerkle holds a bachelor's degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and master's degrees in architecture and business administration from the University of Illinois. She has worked at the Laboratory for nearly two decades in a variety of challenging roles, including facilitating the Laboratory's recovery from the Cerro Grande Fire. Zerkle has served as Principal Associate Director for Administration, Deputy Associate Director for Nuclear and High-Hazard Operations, Manager of the Lab's Security Compliance Project, Deputy Associate Director for Engineering and Engineering Projects, and Stimulus Project Director. Most recently, she has served as Acting Associate Director for Information Technology. As Associate Director for Information Technology, Zerkle will manage about 600 employees and oversee an annual budget of about \$165 million. The Information Technology organization is responsible for departmental computing, software and software applications, and computing networks and infrastructure. It plays an integral role in the productivity and information security of the Laboratory.

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